

Silks, and diverse other Home-made Goods, which we now export in great Quantities, that before we were obliged to purchase with our Money, and bring into *England* from Foreign Countries? Can any One deny the Care that his present Majesty and his Royal Father always took to encrease and preserve our Shipping, the Bulwark of the Nation? and it is to be hoped, if Occasion requires, our Enemies will find our Maritime Affairs were never in a better Condition than at this Day: And must not every One own that we are greatly indebted to this Royal Attention for it, as well as a prodigious Increase of our Mercantile Shipping and Trade to the remotest Part of the World, and that by the Increase of the former? Have not our Masters of Ships been employed at Times as the common Carriers of Goods for the different Nations of *Europe*? In short, I cannot help repeating it again, What would not a brave and Free People hazard to support the Independency of these Islands against the Machinations of a secret Enemy?

FIFTHLY, The *Shopkeepers*, which are a very large Body of Men; These to be sure, say some, will suffer by a War, particularly thro' the *Gentry's* lessening their Expences, from being obliged to pay additional Taxes; and what, say they, must further add to the *Shopkeepers* Prejudice, will be that of the People's keeping their Money in the Funds, and